(ii) Allocation of additional target of 5 million square metres of janata cloth with a provision of advance of Rs. 127.50 lakhs for production in the affected districts in order to provide sustained employment to janata weavers;

(iii) Provision of insurance cover for an amount of Rs. 10,000/- per weaver for 12000 weavers in the affected districts. As an exceptional measure while the weaver will not be required to pay anything towards the premium, Government's liability will be of the order of Rs. 14.40 lakhs this year to be shared between centre and State; and

(iv) Programme of intensive training to about 300 handloom weavers to begin with in the districts of Guntur and Prakasam. Under this scheme each weaver will be paid a stipend of Rs. 350/- per month during the training period of four months.

(d) In order to ensure continuous empolyment at reasonable wages and to improve the socio-economic conditions of weavers, the Government have been making efforts through the following measures in all the States of the country including Andhra Pradesh:—

(i) Financial assistance for modernisation of looms;

(ii) Scheme of decentralise training to train weavers on improved technology;

(iii) Scheme of training a cadre of 'Bunkar Sevaks' for assisting weavers in transfer of improved technology;

(iv) Protection to handloom by reserving certain varieties of cloth for their exclusive production in the handloom sector;

(v) Design support and provision of technological inputs through a number of Weavers' Service Centres in the country;

(vi) Special fiscal concessions to the handloom sector to remove the cost handicap of handlooms vis-a-vis the powerlooms;

(vii) Thrift Fund Scheme;

(viii) Market Development Assistance Scheme; and

(ix) The Janata Cloth Scheme under which it is ensured that reasonable level of wages is paid to handloom weavers.

Government has also announced a new Scheme entitled "Margin Money for Destitute Weavers" to be implemented during the current financial year for the benefit of handloom weavers living below poverty line.

(e) Central Government purchases handloom goods for use in their Ministries/Departments from handloom sector through the Association of Corporations and Apex Societies of Handlooms (ACASH) on Single Tender System basis. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have also restored their original orders to purchase 50 percent of the requirements of Government Departments from APCO.

Development of Adventure Tourism in India

*160. SNRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Ministe of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to promote adventure tourism;

(b) if so, what promotional measures have been adopted by Government so far;

(c) what schemes have been drawn up by Government to promote adventure tourism in the country during the Eighth Plan period; and

(d) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken in this direction in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The 8th Plan has not yet been finalised. However, during the 7th Plan period, the Department had extend-

ed financial assistance amounting to Rs. 249.64 lakhs and an amount of Rs. 194 lakhs during 1990-91 for promotion of adventure tourism including wildlife tourism. An amount of Rs. 53.54 lakhs was sanctioned for promotion of such schemes in the State of Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Development of Marble rocks and Falls at Jabalpur for tourists

906. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to develop marble rocks and falls at Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) into a tourist spot.

(b) if so, what are the details of the plan and the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of any place into a tourist spot is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central financial assistance is provided to the State Governments on the basis of specific proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds, their merits and *inter-se* priorities. No proposal to develop Marble rocks and falls at Jabalpur has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Duty Free Shops with NRIs Investment

907. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to set up a network of duty free shops with NRIs investment; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of International Airports Authority of India from the shopping complex. No final decision has yet been taken on the subject.

Creation of Special Tourist Zone

908. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Nagaland, he spelt out a scheme for creating special tourist zones where entrepreneurs would be given incentives in terms of tax-concessions with a view to developing tourism;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether he also indicated that 15 tourist circuits had been identified in the country to be vigorously developed and promoted; if so, what are the details of the tourist circuits identified?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is in the process of formulating a scheme for development of special tourist areas in the country. Details are being finalised.